

PATENTREMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated July 11, 2007.

The Office Action rejected all claims pending at that time. All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,507,950 issued to Tsukidate et al. (Tsukidate) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,977,964 issued to Williams et al. (Williams). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

Independent Claim 47, as amended, recites storing the first portion of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM. Independent Claim 47 also recites that the same first portion of the EPG is copied from the RAM to the hard disk before the first portion of the EPG is deleted from the RAM. In other words, the claim makes clear the first portion is not modified before it is copied to the hard disk and subsequently deleted. The Office Action argues that independent Claim 47 previously referred separately to, and thus distinguished between, "a first portion of the EPG" and "data of the first portion." Thereafter the Office Action asserts that implicit in this distinction is that the first portion refers categorically, not particularly, to data thereof, and therefore, "a first portion" and "the first portion" are not, by a necessity, references to the same data. Applicants have amended Claim 47 to make clear that "a first portion" and "the first portion" are, by necessity, referencing the same data. As such, Applicants reasserts their arguments set forth in their prior response, and reassert the patentability of the claims over the cited sections of Tsukidate and Williams, either alone or in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

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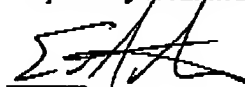
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicants hereby petition for such extensions. Applicants also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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